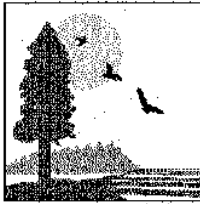


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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF
A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**

CSLC EIR No.: 738

Project: EIR for Ellwood Oil Development and Pipeline Project

CSLC Ref Files: W30119, W40912

SCH #: _____

Date: June 28, 2006

To: Interested Parties

Project: Development of Oil and Gas Production on Leases PRC 3120.1 and 3242.1 from Platform Holly, New On-shore Pipeline, and Decommissioning Ellwood Marine Terminal (PRC 3904).

Applicant: Venoco, Inc.
5464 Carpinteria Avenue, Suite J
Carpinteria, California 93013

Location: The existing facilities at Lease PRC 3120.1 and 3242.1 include Platform Holly on State tide and submerged lands off the coast of Santa Barbara County near the city of Goleta, California. Ellwood oil and gas onshore facilities including the Property adjacent to the Sandpiper Golf Course, UC Santa Barbara leased lands near Ocean Meadows Golf Course, and proposed pipeline corridor along State Route 101 to Las Flores Canyon.

Project Description:

The Project being proposed by Venoco is to extend the oil and gas lease boundaries of PRC 3120.1 and 3242.1 to fully develop the oil reserves, provide for safety improvements and upgrades at the existing Ellwood Onshore Facility (EOF), and eliminate all operations at the Ellwood Marine Terminal (EMT) by the installation of a new onshore pipeline route system. Components of the proposed Project include

expansion of oil and gas reserves of PRC 3120.1 and 3242.1 from Platform Holly; drill up to 40 new wells from Platform Holly; several upgrades and safety improvements to the EOF; a new pipeline that would take existing and expanded oil produced from Platform Holly and treated at the EOF to the All American Pipeline Limited Partnership's Coastal Pipeline located at Las Flores Canyon; and, decommissioning the existing Ellwood Marine Oil Terminal since it would be replaced by the new pipeline delivery system. Attachment 1 provides a more detailed Project description, location, proposed alternatives, and potential environmental effects. If this Notice does not include Attachment 1, copies and additional copies of this Notice and Attachment 1 can be obtained at www.slc.ca.gov and at the following locations:

County of Santa Barbara
Energy Division
123 Anapamu St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
Attn: Dean Dusette
Phone: (805) 568-2287

City of Goleta
Planning & Environmental
Services
130 Cremona Drive, Suite B
Goleta, CA 93117
Attn: Rob Mullane
Phone: (805) 961-7544

California State Lands Commission
Mineral Resources Management
Division
200 Oceangate, 12th Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802
Attn: Jeff Planck
Phone: (562) 590-5306

Purpose of Public Scoping Process:

The California State Lands Commission (CSLC) will be the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for this project. Santa Barbara County and the city of Goleta will be responsible agencies and work closely with the CSLC.

The purpose of this Notice of Preparation / Notice of Public Scoping Meeting is to obtain agency and the public's views as to the scope and content of the environmental information and analysis, including the significant environmental issues and reasonable alternatives and mitigation measures that should be included in the draft EIR. Applicable agencies will need to use the EIR when considering related permits or other approvals for the Project.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, written comments must be sent by **Monday, July 31, 2006**. Please send your comments at the earliest possible date to:


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NOTE: You are encouraged to submit electronic copies of your comments in Microsoft Word format. If comments are faxed or sent by e-mail, please also mail a copy to ensure that a clean copy is received by this office.

Pursuant to Section 15083, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, the CSLC will also conduct two public scoping meetings for the proposed Project to receive oral testimony at the time and place listed below:

DATE: Monday, July 24, 2006
TIME: 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Goleta Community Center, Rooms 1 and 2
5679 Hollister Avenue
Goleta, California 93117

If you have any questions or would like a copy of this Notice and Attachment 1, please contact Eric Gillies at the above address, by phone (916) 574-1897, or e-mail at gilliee@slc.ca.gov. Copies of this Notice will also be available at the public scoping meeting and on the CSLC web page: www.slc.ca.gov (under "Project Updates").

Signature:  Date: 6-28-2006
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